

The Metamorphosis of the People Church

The integrity of life's purposes is the conscious endeavor of religion and civility. Morality can no more be divorced from secular life than spirituality can be divorced from religious living. Politics suppose spiritual integrity even as religion supposes morality; each is the supposition of the other.

Integrity is that which makes humankind whole and wholesome. Fidelity to Covenant, to trust, ("the primacy of conscience") is the common supposition of "Religion and Civility". <http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail~bookid~24059.aspx> Personal/ social integrity is at the religious/ civil intersection where ideology and politics meet, and where conflicts are reconciled.

If ideology and politics are at the intersection of the convergence of religion and civility, morality and integrity, they also are at the intersection of divergence — the crossroads of departure. Political/ ideological conflicts cause culture wars; their resolution comes with the reconciliation of ideologies/ politics. Ideologies arise from reasonable thinking about the verities and varieties of experience and understanding. Differences of bioregions originate pluralities of experience/ understanding. As such, plural verities are the stuff of symbiotic potential.

When symbiosis prevails, the virtues of religion become the virtues of civility, and the virtues of civility are the virtues of religion, common sanity, and wellbeing.

It is ok that ideologies/ politics intersect so long as they are aired and reconciled for the truth values they contain. Religious/ political ideologies are compelled to pursue the common interests and purposes of personal/ social wellbeing. In common, religion and civility suppose trust, what is the motivational ground of reconciliation and authentic service to Church and State, and, of the "priestly" service of moral leadership.

EMERGENT MINDFULNESS

We are emergent people embedded in patterns of the transformational cosmos and evolving life. We are not today what we were yesterday and we are not tomorrow what we are today. The hopefulness of the future is in mindfulness, the intelligent purpose of *justified living*. Conscious ascendancy, hope, is impending in organic evolution, in the determination to understand purposeful causes and to avoid choices whose outcomes degrade holistic emergence.



Cocooned in Word, Light and Love, we emerge in modes of harmonic transformation and ascendant complexity, and in the repeat patterns of metamorphosis we are brought by self-reflection to the thrills of ecstatic consciousness. The symbiotic convergence of people in *justified living* is in the mode of purposeful divinity, of community harmonized in the three-phased resonance of word, insight and work. Second *coming* and second *enlightenment* are recurrences of Love's iteration.

The three-phase activism of *divergence* (word), *convergence* (light) and *emergence* (love) characterizes quantum-electric transformation, including the self-reflective phases of religion/ civility. The emergent outcomes of clarified intelligence are purposeful to

evolution resolved in harmonized symbiosis by the justification of divergent/ convergent iterations.

COVENANT/ TRUST

Old Covenant (Testament) Scripture is a story about infidelity and woe, and about fidelity and weal. Prophet after prophet is rejected because (s)he confronts the inauthenticity of self-serving and the real damage that occurs to self, nature and other from breaches of trust. The recurring infidelity is the abuse of power, the (male) appropriation of spiritual power (idolatrous, fixation in dominion) and physical control over people and resources (patriarchal politics). The deadening of soul (sin), the abuse of women and the waste of nature result from ignorance, arrogance and greed — the flaunting of trust. The old infidelity is the new infidelity, the culture of covetousness.

WHITHER EVOLUTION?

Modern travelers have learned how important it is to plan ahead for any journey—but especially for life's journey. The complexities of life too easily cause us to lose our way.

Dame Rebecca West tells what she sees as the “dominant mood” of the times, namely, a *desperate quest* for a pattern in life by which one is secured. [QUANTUM RELIGION, pp 22, 23, <http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail~bookid~24059.aspx>] Humankind is part and parcel of nature's self-organized and evolving plan, and it is fair to assume that there is no better life guide than nature's justified paradigm. More than ever, human behavior is a determining factor as to the directions of evolution remaining open to life. It is more important now than ever that humankind realizes how mortally devastating are its iterative patterns of mindlessness toward nature and waste of life.

A cosmic understanding of the human and the divine, and a sense of the holiness of the order of nature, the only home of Earth-life, need to converge in human consciousness. Commonsense compels personal initiative to plan for the all-important and individual journey of life. It is clearly the intelligent thing to do. As to intelligence, nature has not abandoned us rather we are individually copied in intuition and memory with genetic (genes-memes) instructions by which we can resource our journey's future.

The repetitive patterns of nature, the convergence of consciousness in the Trinitarian processing of evolution, of Eucharist, Word-Light-Love, are designs of Intelligence, of Holy Spirit, the hypostasis of the divine, the natural, the human. Because of human standing in divinity, we, mere humans, dare to correspond with divinity in small letter writing. On the other hand, we might as easily correspond about “merely” human matters in capital letter writing. The instance of divinity possesses all, including every least aspect and process of our persons. Intelligent Design is Trimorphic Resonance.

Evolution proceeds by processes of resonance, little conscious leaps and big leaps. The unrelieved tensions of the times seem to be setting the stage for a quantum leap, a leap from staticism and fixation to liberation and openness, what Vatican II called for. Some leaps of consciousness are rapturous, ecstatic leaps, particularly when they correspond faithfully with symbiotic intuitions. Rapture is in the here-and-now. It is an intuitional response to wellbeing well-served in intentional evolution, in patterns of reinforced consciousness. Rapture is the moment of enlightenment that thrills in the discovered possibilities of newness.

Part of the experience of the universal journey is transition from enthrallment to freedom, from the small-mindedness of immaturity to the fullness of maturity. A paradigmatic story of the universal journey is found in the story of the Exodus. Each must personally discover the challenges of life. Life's questions never cease coming; life's answers bring up new questions, new possibilities. Dominion and liberation, imprisonment and deliverance are unique and recurring experiences in every life's journey. The fulfilled life is the life that savors the unique rapture of the moment and lives wide awake to the possibilities. Theology today calls for Liberation.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF TRUST

If individual abuses of power are sinful, even more so are cultural ones. Religious culture is inauthentic when it is male-dominated and when males abuse sexual prerogatives over females and nature by exploiting the virtues of both for self-serving advantage.

The institutionalizing of dominion theology and patriarchal politics has resulted in violent impositions on women, nature and the human psyche. If these sins are acknowledged and repented, the possibility of reformation and repair becomes real. On the other hand, their failure obstructs conversion and insures continuing personal/ social violence.

Social conversion begins with personal conversion, one person at a time. The return to trust also needs to happen, one person at a time, and it needs to be advocated by civil and church institutions; authenticity cannot reside in one and not in the other; like trust, either authenticity (conscience) is or isn't, it is not something that is negotiable. When trust is reclaimed, conscience/ authenticity can also be.

GRASSROOTS NETWORKING

Action groups are so many ships on shallow waters passing in the night unaware of one another on their way to troubled harbors.

Troubled harbors are out-of-time minds conformed to dominion theology and patriarchal politics. Vatican I theology is shallow water prevailing in many ports. Small capacity ports need deepening. Vatican II called for *updating* and for new *analysis and synthesis* to deepen waters and prepare ports to receive modern fitted vessels.

Vatican II is an uplifting tide. The rising tide lifts all ships. But the tide hasn't come in. Pope John Paul II took harbor repair (Liberation Theology) off the table, and the pre-Vatican II status-quo still obtains. More than ever ships are stranded in shallow water. But today is a new day, more open perhaps to port reconstruction. The People Church must rise to the occasion and ably assist. The People need to accept the task of rebuilding ports—developing theological openness with minds deep enough to facilitate the consciousness of symbiotic evolution. New strategies of adult faith formation are needed. They are available.

The iteration patterns of evolving symbioses obtain in emergent life, including the consciousness of human relationships, which evolve in the natural continuum by way of Trimorphic Resonance, the iterations of word-communication, light-consciousness and love-conscience. Life's quest is for a pattern in an emergent mode. We are ships on shallow water. And until the perplexity of public shallowness is re-patterned intentionally

in deeper insights, our works and our lives will remain perplexed and unsatisfying. Distrust will prevail and yet again be advanced.

SUMMARY

Christians are challenged to emulate in their living the perfections of Trinitarian Harmony, communal authenticity. Trinitarian Harmony pertains to the resonance of divine attributes. Scripture identifies divine attributes: God is WORD, the trustful communicator of the Way; God is LIGHT, the Truth of informed consciousness; and God is LOVE, the Life, the provider of good.

The First Resonance, the WORD communication of the Way, and the Second Resonance, the LIGHT consciousness of the Truth, are to be presumed in the Encyclical *Deus-Caritas-Est*. Without the intentional harmony of all three attributes, one has a deficient sense of Love and an inadequate social sense of moral self-identification with divinity, with others and with nature. The outcome of Love depends on the outcomes of Word, Light and Trust. *If you would be perfect, seek in all things the Godhead Harmony of WORD-LIGHT-LOVE.*

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